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Meeting held at the Van Asselt Community Center

Question: Why did you choose to live in this community (New Holly)?

- Well-equipped and relatively new facility
- Short distance from Chinatown
- Presence of many Chinese people
- Improvement in the following aspects will make it a better place for living:
- Safety
- Management of the SHA
- Lower management fee
- Street hygiene
- Lack of choices.

Question: As the community grows, how may this affect the original and future residents?

- Property tax may increase
- Housing price and rent may increase
- More goods and services may be provided as population increase
- More new neighbors may cause the neighborhood more complications and problems

Question: What shops and services would you like to see preserved?

- Safeway, Viet Wah Supermarket
- International Community Health Service

They would like to see the following shops and services near the transit station:

- Chinese Dim Sum Restaurant
- Walmart
- Bank
- QFC
- Costco
- Post Office

Clinics, Daycare centers and Preschool are important as the community grows.

Question: How do you use the parks and community center?

- Exercise e.g. walking
- Take children to playgroup and biking
- The following improvement will make us use the parks/ community centers more often:
 - Providing more Chinese Cultural Activities
 - Having Table-tennis facility indoor or outdoor
 - Work out equipment
 - Information in Chinese/ having Chinese interpretation service
 - Extend service hours esp. weekends
 - Safety by having more frequent police patrols and pedestrian lightings
 - Swimming pool
 - Having a big fountain with fishes

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- Public Restroom
- Government funded not the management company

Question: How do you meet your daily needs in your neighborhood?

- take buses and drive our own cars to Chinatown mostly
- walk to Safeway
- We may walk to buy daily needs if the stores are nearby and within walking distance.

Important destinations in the neighborhood are Safeway, Clinic (International Community Health Service) and schools.

Questions: What challenges do you face when walking or biking in your neighborhood?

- Too hot during summer. Suggest to plant more tree along sidewalk
- Lack of Bike Lane
- Too dark at night

Traffic issues nearby include:

- Lack of road signs in the intersection
- People park their cars without discipline
- Long waiting time to cross the road e.g. Traffic light outside International Community Health Service in Othello
- Frequency of bus service is not enough e.g. Route 106, 32, and 36

Question: Do you plan on using Light Rail?

We may use the light rail depending on the following factors:

- Destination (downtown or airport) because it may be faster than taking bus.
- Fare
- Convenience to get to the station
- We suggest opening Morgan St down to MLK Jr Way.